

in Group I. However, the Examiner indicated during a telephone conversation on January 22, 2003, that the claims 28-34 belong in Group I.

*B. Election of Species*

The Examiner identifies claims 45-50 as generic. The Examiner requires election of one of the following patentably distinct species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable:

- a. passing the precursor through a flame
- b. delivering the precursor inside a heated tube

Applicants elect species a. The claims readable upon the elected species are as follows: claims 1-27 and 35-39.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants believe that this paper is fully responsive to the Office Action dated December 24, 2002, and respectfully request early favorable action on this application.

Please apply any charges in connection with the filing of this response or any credits to Deposit Account No. 03-3325 (reference SP01-116).

Respectfully submitted,

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